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In re Application of BLUNI *et al.*

Examiner: Thomas C. Barrett

Serial No.: 10/014,678

Art Unit: 3738

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For: **URETERAL STENTS AND RELATED METHODS**

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
 UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

Applicants submit this request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 for the above-identified application.

Please consider the following submission(s) required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114:

- The amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on May 25, 2004.
- The arguments in the Appeal Brief and/or Reply Brief previously filed on .
- The enclosed amendment/reply submitted in response to the Official Action dated .
- Information Disclosure Statement
- Petition for Extension of Time
- Other: .

Also enclosed is:

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- An Assertion of Entitlement to Small Entity Status was submitted previously.
- Other: .

The fee for the request for continued examination is calculated below [] and in accordance with the enclosed amendment:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	29	- = 30		x \$18.00	0.00
Independent Claims	4	- = 4		x \$86.00	0.00
Multiple dependent claims not previously presented, add \$290.00					
Total Amendment Fee					
Continued Examination Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) of \$770.00					
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Other fees: Petition for One Month Extension of Time					
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Please charge \$ to Deposit Account No. (PA) 03-3117 (RE) 50-1283 for the total fee. This paper is being submitted in duplicate.

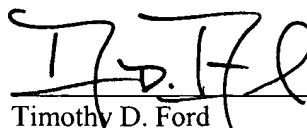
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

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REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

In response to the final Office Action dated February 25, 2004, the Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks.

If extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.